SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

PLAINTIFF,

PROVIDENT ROYALTIES, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, PROVIDENT ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, PROVIDENT ENERGY 1, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership, PROVIDENT RESOURCES 1, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership, PROVIDENT ENERGY 2, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership. PROVIDENT ENERGY 3, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership, SHALE ROYALTIES II, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 3, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company, SHALE ROYALTIES 4, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 5, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 6, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 7, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 8, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 9, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 10, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 12, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 14, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 15, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 16, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 17, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 18, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 19, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 20, INC., a Delaware Corp., PAUL R. MELBYE, BRENDAN W. COUGHLIN, and HENRY D. HARRISON,

DEFENDANTS,

and

SHALE ROYALTIES 21, INC., a Delaware Corp., SHALE ROYALTIES 22, INC., a Delaware Corp., PROVIDENT OPERATING COMPANY, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company, SOMERSET LEASE HOLDINGS, INC., a Texas Corp., and SOMERSET DEVELOPMENT, INC., a Texas Corp.

RELIEF DEFENDANTS.

Civil No.:

COMPLAINT

3-09CV1238-L

BACKGROUND

- 1. From approximately September 2006 until January 2009, Provident Royalties, LLC ("Provident") solicited investments and sold preferred stock through a series of fraudulent private placement offerings. Provident raised approximately \$485 million from at least 7,700 investors nationwide. Provident promised high returns and misrepresented how investor funds would be used. Although a portion of the proceeds of the offerings were used for the acquisition and development of oil and gas exploration and development activities, investor funds were also commingled and investor funds raised in later offerings were used to pay "dividends" and "returns of capital" to earlier Provident investors.
- 2. Provident and its principals made material misrepresentations to investors in order to induce individuals to purchase preferred stock or limited partnership interests in the Provident private placement offerings. Investors were told that 86 percent of their funds would be placed in oil and gas investments. That representation was false. Investors were not told that their funds would be commingled with funds derived from the other private placement offerings and that the proceeds from later private placement offerings would be used to pay promised returns to earlier investors.
- 3. By the conduct detailed in this Complaint, Defendants, except Paul R. Melbye, violated Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] and all Defendants violated Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]. Unless enjoined, Defendants are likely to commit such violations again. The Relief Defendants hold assets funds, or other properties derived from the fraudulent offering and should be required to disgorge those assets.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. The Court has jurisdiction over this action under Section 22(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77v(a)] and Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78aa].
- 5. Defendants, directly or indirectly, used the means or instruments of interstate commerce, the mails, or the facilities of a national securities exchange in connection with the acts described herein.
- 6. Venue is proper under Section 22(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77v(a)] and Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78aa] because certain of the transactions, acts, practices, and courses of business occurred within this judicial district.

DEFENDANTS

- 7. **Provident Royalties, LLC ("Provident")** is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal office in Dallas, Texas. Provident is owned by three entities. The majority of the interests in Provident are held by two companies, which include WPCO, LLC an affiliate of Paul R. Melbye and HHBC Enterprise LP, an affiliate of Brendan W. Coughlin ("Coughlin") and Henry D. Harrison ("Harrison"). Provident was to acquire a combination of producing and non-producing sub-surface mineral interests, working interests and production payments in real property located within the United States. Provident is a beneficial owner in each of the numerous affiliated entities which offered and sold preferred stock or limited partnership interests to investors. Provident is not registered with the Commission.
- 8. **Provident Asset Management, LLC ("PAM")** is a Delaware limited liability company which has been registered with the Commission as a broker-dealer since March 9, 2004. Coughlin and Harrison are the principals of PAM. PAM's principal office is in Dallas, Texas.

- 9. **Provident Rule 506 Entities** are a series of business entities through which Provident and PAM raised funds from investors. All of the entities maintain their headquarters in Provident's offices in Dallas, Texas. The entities, an estimate of funds raised and the approximate number of investors is as follows:
- (a) **Provident Energy 1**, **LP** is a Texas limited partnership which raised approximately \$7.2 million from 131 investors.
- (b) **Provident Resources 1, LP** is a Texas limited partnership which raised approximately \$9.1 million from 214 investors.
- (c) **Provident Energy 2, LP** is a Texas limited partnership which raised approximately \$25.9 million from 498 investors.
- (d) **Provident Energy 3, LP** is a Texas limited partnership which raised approximately \$120,000 from four investors.
- (e) **Shale Royalties II, Inc.**, is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$9.7 million from 177 investors.
- (f) **Shale Royalties 3, LLC** is a Texas limited liability company which raised approximately \$20 million from 339 investors.
- (g) **Shale Royalties 4, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$27.4 million from 487 investors.
- (h) **Shale Royalties 5, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$29.94 million from 499 investors.
- (i) **Shale Royalties 6, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$27.4 million from 493 investors.
 - (j) Shale Royalties 7, Inc., is a Delaware corporation which raised

- approximately \$31.3 million from 494 investors.
- (k) **Shale Royalties 8, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$31.8 million from 497 investors.
- (l) **Shale Royalties 9, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$33.2 million from 499 investors.
- (m) **Shale Royalties 10, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$29.1 million from 496 investors.
- (n) **Shale Royalties 12, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$34.9 million from 488 investors.
- (o) **Shale Royalties 14, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$31.1 million from 446 investors.
- (p) **Shale Royalties 15, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$27.5 million from 458 investors.
- (q) **Shale Royalties 16, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$31.2 million from 466 investors.
- (r) **Shale Royalties 17, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$30.5 million from 492 investors.
- (s) **Shale Royalties 18, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$24.4 million from 306 investors.
- (t) **Shale Royalties 19, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$12.2 million from 194 investors.
- (u) **Shale Royalties 20, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which raised approximately \$6.8 million from 91 investors.

- 10. **Paul R. Melbye ("Melbye"),** 44, a Dallas, Texas resident, is a founder and manager of Provident. Melbye is a principal of each Provident Rule 506 Entity, and is the principal in charge of operations for Provident. Melbye was a control person of Provident
- 11. **Brendan W. Coughlin ("Coughlin"),** age 43, a Dallas, Texas resident, is a founder and manager of Provident. Coughlin is also a managing partner of PAM, and a principal of each Provident Rule 506 Entity.
- 12. **Henry D. Harrison ("Harrison"),** age 44, a Dallas, Texas resident, is a founder and manager of Provident. Harrison is also a managing partner of PAM, and a principal of each Provident Rule 506 Entity.

RELIEF DEFENDANTS

- 13. **Somerset Lease Holdings, Inc. ("Somerset")** is a Texas corporation and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Provident. It was established to primarily hold properties owned by certain of the Provident Rule 506 Entities including Shale Royalties II, Inc., Shale Royalties 3, LLC, Shale Royalties 4, Inc., Provident Energy 1, LP, and Provident Resources 1, LP.
- 14. **Somerset Development, Inc. ("Development")** is a Texas corporation and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Provident. It was established to hold properties owned by certain of the Provident Rule 506 Entities.
- 15. **Provident Operating Company, LLC,** is a Texas limited liability company, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Provident and is used for well operations.
- 16. **Shale Royalties 21, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which received approximately \$15,000 in seed money from Provident.
- 17. **Shale Royalties 22, Inc.,** is a Delaware corporation which received approximately \$15,000 in seed money from Provident.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 18. Beginning in or about September 2006, Provident began a series of offerings by 21 affiliated corporations and limited partnerships which offered and sold limited partnership interests or preferred stock to the public through a number of broker-dealers nationwide.
- 19. Provident is a company which holds oil and gas interests, working interests and royalty interests in oil and gas properties in the United States.
- 20. The Provident Rule 506 Entities each claimed an exemption from the registration of its securities pursuant to Rule 506 of Regulation D of the federal securities laws.
- 21. The Provident Rule 506 Entities denominated as Shale Royalties, Inc., numbered II through 20, offered two series of non-convertible redeemable cumulative preferred stock.

 Each share of stock was offered for \$5,000 through a Private Placement Memorandum.
- 22. At the outset of the Rule 506 offerings by Provident, dividends on each share of Series A preferred stock were to accrue at the rate of 1.5% per month. Dividends on each share of Series B preferred stock were to accrue at the rate of 1.25% per month.
- 23. Provident Energy 1, Provident Energy 2 and Provident Energy 3 offered \$5000 units with a minimum investment of \$25,000. The PPMs for these entities provided that "the limited partners and investor general partners will receive 95% of net cash flow until payback. After payback, the investors will receive 50% of net cash flow."
- 24. Provident Resources 1, LP offered \$5000 units with a minimum investment of \$25,000. The PPM for this entity provided that "purchasers of units in the partnership will participate in profits and losses and distributions as follows: 85% to the Investor Partners before

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Payout and 15% to the Managing Partner before Payout, 30% to the Investor Partners after Payout and 65% to the Managing partner after payout and 5% Okoboji Financial after Payout.

- 25. At some point in time, Provident reduced the amount payable for dividends on Series A preferred stock to 1.375% and on Series B preferred stock to 1.167%. At the same time, the PPMs for these Provident Rule 506 Entities changed the terms to 48 months for Class A Preferred Shares and 36 months for Class B Preferred Shares.
- 26. Dividends were to be paid four months in arrears, and then monthly on the last day of each month.
- 27. Series A preferred stock was redeemable at the end of 24 or 36 months and Series B preferred stock at the end of 24 months.
- 28. Other affiliated entities of Provident with Rule 506 offerings included Provident Energy 1, LP, Provident Energy 2, LP, Provident Energy 3, LP, and Provident Resources 1, LP. These entities offered limited partnership interests on substantially the same terms as the other Provident Rule 506 Entities.
- 29. The offerings by the Provident Rule 506 Entities were virtually identical in their terms, had the same investment purpose, and took place continuously over a 30 month period. The periods of many of the offerings overlapped others.
- 30. Provident limited each offering to 500 investors and to varying dollar amounts, and as an offering would approach one of those limits, the next Provident Rule 506 Entity would be created.
- 31. The Rule 506 preferred stock was underwritten by PAM on a best efforts basis as a managing dealer under a placement agreement with each Rule 506 Entity.
 - 32. PAM made some direct retail sales of securities through the Rule 506 offerings.

- 33. PAM solicited retail broker-dealers to enter into placement agreements for each Rule 506 offering, and those retail broker-dealers sold the stock of the Provident Rule 506 to retail investors nationwide.
- 34. Provident deposited the proceeds from the offerings into a bank account for the Provident Rule 506 Entity in which the investor purchased stock or a limited partnership interest.
- 35. Prior to July 2008, money moved freely from one Provident Rule 506 Entity account to another as required for the payment of dividends or to fund operations.
- 36. After July 2008, invested funds were initially deposited into the account for the Provident Rule 506 Entity in which the investor purchased securities and then was swept into one of Provident's operating accounts.
- 37. During the period of the offerings by the Provident Rule 506 Entities, the offerings raised approximately \$485 million from more than 7,700 investors.
 - 38. None of the Provident Rule 506 Entities had audited financial statements.
- 39. Provident announced that it would cease accepting new investors into any of the open Rule 506 offerings on or about January 22, 2009.
- 40. Provident suspended dividend payments for all of the Rule 506 Entities on or about January 29, 2009. Provident has not paid any dividends since that date.
- 41. In its offering documents for the Provident Rule 506 Entities and communications with investors, Provident represented the following:
- (i) Investors were told that their investment would be used by each
 Individual Provident Rule 506 Entity to purchase oil and gas assets for that corresponding entity.
- (ii) The proceeds of each offering were to be deposited into an account of the corporation and become assets of the corporation.

- Typically, investors were told that approximately 86% of the (iii) subscription proceeds were to be allocated to oil and gas investments.
- Dividends were to be paid from revenues, primarily from the sale of (iv) assets.
- 42. Investors were told by Provident representatives that the proceeds of one Rule 506 offering would not be used for the payment of dividends in another offering.
- Investors were not told, and the Private Placement Memoranda do not disclose. 43. that their investments would be used to pay earlier investors their dividends and return of principal, rather than being invested in oil and gas assets.
- 44. Investors would have found it important to know that their funds were not being invested as represented in the Rule 506 offering materials and that their funds were being used to repay earlier investors.
- 45. Melbye, Harrison and Coughlin knew, or were reckless in not knowing that that Provident did not have sufficient revenues to pay investors their dividends.
- 46. Melbye, Harrison and Coughlin were officers, directors or managers of the Provident Rule 506 Entities and were signatories in the bank accounts of those entities.
- 47. Melbye, Coughlin and Harrison knew, or were reckless in not knowing, that the Provident Rule 506 Entities did not have a successful track record of earning sufficient revenues to pay investors or to redeem the preferred stock without raising capital from additional investors.

FIRST CLAIM

FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF SECURITIES Violations of Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]

- 48. The Commission realleges paragraphs 1 through 47.
- 49. Defendants, with scienter, by use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce or of the mails, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities: (i) employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; (ii) made untrue statements of material fact or omissions to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and/or (iii) engaged in acts, practices or courses of business that operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit.
 - 50. Defendants representations and omissions were material.
- 51. By reason of the actions alleged herein, Defendants violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

SECOND CLAIM

EMPLOYMENT OF A DEVICE, SCHEME OR ARTIFICE TO DEFRAUD Violation of Section 17(a)(1) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1)]

- 52. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 though 47, above.
- 53. Defendants, except Melbye, and each of them, by engaging in conduct described in Paragraphs 1 though 47, above, directly or indirectly, in the offer or sale of securities, by the use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, with scienter, employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud.
- 54. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants, except Melbye, and each of them, directly or indirectly, violated, and unless restrained and enjoined by this Court, will continue to violate Section 17(a)(1) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1)].

THIRD CLAIM

FRAUD IN THE OFFER AND SALE OF SECURITIES

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Violations of Section 17(a)(2) and (3) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(2) and (3)]

- 55. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 though 47, above.
- 56. Defendants, and each of them, except Melbye, by engaging in the conduct described in Paragraphs 1 through 47, above, directly and indirectly, in the offer and sale of securities, by the use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, obtained money or property by means of untrue statements of material fact or by omitting to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and engaged in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operate or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.
- 57. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants, except Melbye, and each of them, directly or indirectly, violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will continue to violate, Section 17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77q(a)(2) and 77q(a)(3)].

FOURTH CLAIM

UNJUST ENRICHMENT

- The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained 58. in Paragraphs 1 though 47, above.
- 59. As a result of the unlawful conduct of Defendants, Relief Defendants have thus been unjustly enriched, and it would be unjust and inequitable for them to retain those funds and/or property.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

I.

Issue findings of fact and conclusions of law that the Defendants committed the violations charged herein.

II.

Issue in a form consistent with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure orders that preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendants, except Melbye, and their officers agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and accountants, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of the order by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, from engaging in transactions, acts, practices, and courses of business described herein, and from engaging in conduct of similar purport and object in violation of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder.

III.

Issue in a form consistent with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure orders that preliminarily and permanently enjoin Melbye as a control person under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act, and his officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and accountants, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of the order by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, from engaging in transactions, acts, practices, and courses of business described herein, and from engaging in conduct of similar purport and object in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder.

IV.

Issue, in a form consistent with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, orders that temporarily, preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendants and Relief Defendants, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and accountants, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of the order by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, from: (A) transferring, changing, wasting, dissipating, converting, concealing, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, any funds, assets, claims, or other property or assets owned or controlled by, or in the possession or custody of these Defendants and/or Relief Defendants; and (B) transferring, assigning, selling, hypothecating, or otherwise disposing of any assets of Provident, PAM, the Provident Rule 506 Entities, Melbye, Coughlin or Harrison.

V.

Issue in a form consistent with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure orders that temporarily, preliminary and permanently restrain and enjoin Defendants, and each of them, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and accountants, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of the order by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, from destroying, mutilating, concealing, transferring, altering, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, books, records, computer programs, computer files, computer printouts, correspondence, including e-mail, whether stored electronically or in hard-copy, memoranda, brochures, or any other documents of any kind that pertain in any manner to the business of the Defendants.

VI.

Bar defendants Coughlin, Harrison and Melbye from serving as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, as amended [15 U.S.C. § 781] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

VII.

Enter an order directing Defendants, except Melbye, and each of them, to pay civil money penalties pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act. Enter an order directing Melbye to pay civil money penalties pursuant to Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act

VIII.

Enter an order directing Defendants to disgorge all ill-gotten gains received during the period of violative conduct and pay prejudgment interest on such ill-gotten gains.

IX.

Declare and impose a constructive trust on all property received by Relief Defendants and require them to disgorge the property they obtained from Defendants as a result of the illegal conduct alleged herein.

X.

Grant such further equitable relief as this Court deems just, appropriate, and necessary, including, but not limited to, a freeze of assets and the acceleration of discovery, including the forthwith production of documents.

XI.

Retain jurisdiction of this action in accordance with the principles of equity and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in order to implement and carry out the terms of all

orders and decrees that may be entered, or to entertain any suitable application or motion for additional relief within the jurisdiction of this Court.

Dated this day of July, 2009.

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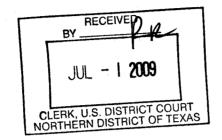
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☐ 195 Contract Product Liability	☐ 360 Other Personal Injury			☐ 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations] 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	Act	
REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS		☐ 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act] 864 SSID Title XVI] 865 RSI (405(g))	☐ 893 Environmental Matters ☐ 894 Energy Allocation Act	
☐ 210 Land Condemnation	☐ 441 Voting	☐ 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence		☐ 740 Railway Labor Act			FEDERAL TAX SUITS	☐ 895 Freedom of Information Act	
220 Foreclosure	442 Employment	Habeas Corpus:		☐ 790 Other Labor Litigation		[870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or	900 Appeal of Fee	
230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	443 Housing/ Accommodations	☐ 530 General ☐ 535 Death Penalty		☐ 791 Empl. Ret. Inc.		-	Defendant) 371 IRS - Third Party	Determination Under Equal Access to Justice	
☐ 240 Torts to Land ☐ 245 Tort Product Liability	□ 444 Welfare	540 Mandamus & Other		Security Act			26 USC 7609	950 Constitutionality of	
290 All Other Real Property	440 Other Civil Rights	☐ 550 Civil Rights		J Good Ny / 101				State Statutes	
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VII. REQUESTED IN CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION				DEMAND \$			CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:		
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